



# COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

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A big **THANK YOU** to all that you are doing on the front line! SA COVID-19 Dashboard available [here](#) to see current testing. Please email [Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au) if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Always happy to help!!

## **E-Prescribing**

I am so excited to advise that new legislation enabling electronic prescribing has commenced now in South Australia. Electronic prescriptions form part of the broader national digital health and medicines safety framework. They enable the prescribing and dispensing of medicines without the need for a paper prescription. Amendments to the *Controlled Substances (Poisons) Regulations 2011* in effect this week, recognise and allow an electronic prescription in relation to a prescription for a drug in South Australia. Electronic prescribing will not be mandatory, and patients and prescribers will be able to choose an electronic or a paper version of their prescription. Please find attached a factsheet for further information [here](#) and also the Commonwealth has an excellent [website](#).

## **Further easing of South Australian border restrictions**

Currently, travellers entering South Australia directly from Western Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania are not required to self-quarantine. From midnight tonight, travellers entering SA directly from Queensland will also not be required to self-quarantine. Travellers entering from other states and territories are still required to quarantine for 14 days.

## **Aged Care Direction updated**

The aged care direction [here](#) has now been updated, including the [FAQs](#). Key changes include that residents can now leave residential aged care facilities (RACF), with no restrictions on re-entry and children can now visit RACFs provided that if older than 6 months of age, they have been vaccinated for influenza.

### **GP Guide for Providing Care to Sporting Teams**

This guide is now live [here](#). Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fact sheet on providing care to sporting teams.

### **DoH Webinar hosted by Professor Michael Kidd**

This week's webinar can be viewed [here](#). Please note that in SA the 1 person per 4-meter square rule does not apply to healthcare facilities, which includes waiting rooms. This differs to other states, as mentioned in the webinar.

### **PPE updated Guide from Department of Health**

The Commonwealth have updated their PPE usage [guide](#) for non-hospital healthcare settings. This takes into account shortages of PPE.

### **SA Health Website**

The [Health Professionals COVID-19 resources](#)

### **Telephone numbers**

SA COVID-19 Information line: 1800 253 787

SA COVID-19 Social and non-clinical support: 1300 705 336

SA COVID-19 Mental health support: 1800 632 753

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